THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Agricultural commodities cover a wide spectrum of items like oilcakes, rice. tea, coffee, cotton, spices, cashew, tobacco, fruits and vegetabl s, meat and meat products, etc. These are in demand in varying degrees in different countries. Europe, USA and West Asia are the major markets for India's agricultural commodities.

The export projections for agro-exports at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) is Rs. 12.064 crores at 1991-92 prices

(d) and (e) Lack of infrastructural facilities (like air cargo facilities not keeping pace, inadequate shipping facilities), high air freight rates and lack of vapour treatment facilities are the major hurdles in fully exploiting the potential for exports of agricultural commodities. A programme has been drawn up for upgrading the infrastmctural facilities during the Eighth Plan period, to be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture. On the export of fresh fruits, air freight subsidy was also made available on a selective basis during 1993-94.

Countries Importing Sports Goods from India

6268. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED-SAQHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of major countries importing Sports Goods from India along-with name and value of sports items mainly imported by them during the last three years;

(b) whether dwindling export of traditional items like footballs etc. from India which was at its peak during the decades from 1970 to 1980 has again lately started picking up and if so, details thereof;

(c) what varieties of leather are being used in manufacturing footballs for export and which of these varieties are most popular in International Market;

(d) whether Government propose to further strengthen Sports Goods Export Promotion Council for boosting exports of this labour intensive industry and if so, the derails thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) whether Government propose 'to ask the Council to drop its precondition of a minimum domestic sale of Rs. 20,000!- or export sal; worth Rs. 50.000|-lo encourage new exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Major sports goods importing countries from India are UK, Australia Germany, France, Holland and New Zealand. Item-wise, countrywise imports of sports goods by these countries during the last three years is attached at Statement is *(Sec* below).

(b) Yes Sir. Export of traditional items like footballs etc. has been showing consistant growth over the last 5 years. A detail are at statement II. *(See* below),

(c) Polyurthane (PU), leather, natural leather are being used for the manufacture of footballs. PU leather is the most popular variety in the international market.

(d) The Sports Goods Export Promo^ tion Council is a guarantee institution under this Ministry. Grants are given from the MDA for publicity, participating in fair|exihibitions abroad etc. The Government is also helping the industry in importing raw material for the sports goods industry through the Government agencies like STC.

(e) No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Statement-I

Itemwise Imports of Sports Goods by major Countries

(Value in lakhs of Rupees)

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1. *U.K.*			
a. Inflatable Balls	548.30	861.06	1200.62
b. Hockey Sticks	77.84	56.87	92.10
c. Protective Equipment for Hockey	59.47	46 95	47.98
d. Cricket Bats	66.21	132 79	199.54
e. Cricket & Hockey Balls	149.19	139.13	175.95
f. Protective Equipment for Cricket	398.02	513.32	61 0.31
g. Boxing Equipment	121.38	125.71	135.17
2. *Australia*			
a. Inflatable Balls	277.85	478.32	682.78
b. Hockey Sticks	45.94	28.99	35.04
c. Protective Equipment for Hockey	26.57	41.89	27.00
d. Cricket Bats	149.66	151.94	2416.00
e. Cricket & Hockey Balls	33.41	52.03	82.07
f. Protective Eqp. for Cricket	293.26	285.76	393.84
g. Boxing Equipment	28.35	57.81	78.06
3. *Germany :*			
a. Inflatable Balls	245.25	273.81	502.60
b. Hockey Sticks	9.94	21.27	24.64
c. Prot. Eqp. for Hockey	12.03	6.58	10.15
d. Cricket Bats	1.11	..	1.70
e. Cricket & Hockey Balls	0.55	1.46	2.77
f. Protective Eqp. for Cricket	0.52	0.62	0.95
g. Boxing Equipment	8.30	13.18	17.52

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
4. *U.S.A. :*			
a. Inflatable balls	58.59	96.10	103.00
b. Hockey sticks	2.74	6.27	15.95
c. Protective eqp. for Hockey	11.57	19.52	30.05
d. Cricket bats	0.58	1.50	0.42
e. Cricket and Hockey balls	1.58	2.64	7.50
f. Protective eqp. for Cricket	0.97	1.67	3.16
g. Boxing equipment	34.45	62.78	76.14
5. *France :*			
a. Inflatable balls	130.25	202.70	324.52
b. Hockey sticks	..	0.99	2.74
c. Protective eqp. for Hockey	0.52	0.74	1.44
d. Cricket bats	..	0.17	..
e. Cricket and Hockey balls	0.34	0.05	0.70
f. Protective eqp. for Cricket	..	..	..
g. Boxing equipment	11.96	35.66	49.34
6. *Holland :*			
a. Inflatable balls	90.06	75.11	134.57
b. Hockey sticks	27.97	18.99	14.58
c. Protective eqp. for Hockey	31.13	39.75	48.28
d. Cricket bats	0.01	..	0.24
e. Cricket and Hockey balls	0.38	0.01	..
f. Protective eqp. for Cricket	..	..	..
g. Boxing equipment	11.33	13.19	4.63
7. *New Zealand :*			
a. Inflatable balls	55.16	156.79	139.67
b. Hockey sticks	2.79	5.26	12.91
c. Protective eqp. for Hockey	1.27	2.68	2.28
d. Cricket bats	7.82	25.73	44.59
e. Cricket and Hockey balls	4.92	8.83	12.11
f. Protective eqp. for Cricket	20.18	33.97	57.44
g. Boxing equipment	5.21	4.83	7.78

Statement-II

(Value in lakhs of Rupees)

Years	Inflatable Balls	Hockey Sticks	Protective eqp. for Hk.	Cricket Bats	Protective eqp. for Cricket	Cricket & Hockey Balls
1988-89	1391.06	201.34	135.17	167.63	534.72	182.67
1989-90	2233.62	206.91	163.21	199.45	682.81	206.09
1990-91	2354.61	219.22	161.12	244.02	752.54	224.70
1991-92	2613.48	186.63	176.27	337.56	899.94	239.00
1992-93	3656.38	265.84	214.37	519.65	1144.23	324.88

निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये "एक्स्टरीम फोकस सेक्टर" के अन्तर्गत वस्तुओं का अभिनिर्धारण

6269. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने हेतु "एक्सटरीम फोकस सैक्टर" के अन्तर्गत 34 वस्तुयें अभिनिर्धारित की हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी वस्तुओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(ग) क्या प्रतिवर्ष इन वस्तुओं के मूल्य के रूप में 30 प्रतिशत निर्यात का उद्देश्य संतोषजनक ढंग से प्राप्त किया जा रहा है और इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये सरकार ने जिन 34 मदों को अत्यधिक ध्यान देने योग्य उत्पाद के रूप में अभिज्ञात किया है वे ये हैं--कृषि, कृषि-रसायन, आटो संघटक, साईकिल और उसके पुर्जे, सीमेंट, पूर्ण वाहन, औषधि एवं भेषज, रंग-रोगन एवं माध्यमिक उत्पाद, विद्युत उत्पादन एवं वितरण उपकरण, पुष्प उत्पाद, फुट वियर, ताजे फल, स्वर्ण आभूषण, ग्रेनाइट, हाथ के औजार, आई०सी० इंजन एवं उसके कल पुर्जे, औद्योगिक सिलाई एवं गढ़ाई, टमाटर पेस्ट उत्पाद, उष्ण कटिन्बधीय फलों का रस, लुगदी एवं सांद्रण, संरक्षित कुकुर-मुत्ता, सिले-सिलाये वस्त्र, चावल, साफ्टवेयर पैकेज, सिस्टम साफ्टवेयर, नेट वर्क, सी ए डी/ सी ए एम, मसाले, चीनी, शीरा, ऐल्कोहॉल जिसमें इथाइल एल्कोहॉल, शुगर मशीनरी, सिथेन्टिक एवं मानव निर्मित वस्त्र एवं टायर शामिल हैं ।

(ग) अत्यधिक ध्यान देने योग्य उत्पादों जैसे--कम्प्यूटर साफ्टवेयर, विद्युत उत्पादन एवं वितरण उपकरण, चीनी मशीनरी, सीमेंट, मसालों, फल लुगदी एवं सांद्रण के निर्यात में वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान 20.4% की उच्च वृद्धि दर्शाई गयी है । अप्रैल-दिसम्बर, 1993 के अद्यतन उपलब्ध आंकड़ों के अनुसार 30% से अधिक वृद्धि दर्ज हुई है । अत्यधिक ध्यान देने योग्य उत्पादों की निर्यात वृद्धि पर निरन्तर निगरानी रखी जा रही है ।

Two Way Trade between India and Taiwan

6270. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to evoke a new strategy